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*Vessels inspected at Yokohama.*

YOKOHAMA, February 4, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, during the months of November and December, 1897, and January of the present year, I inspected vessels as follows, all being free from infectious disease with the exception of the steamship *China*, from which, December 9th, I removed a case of leprosy:

Date.	Steamer or vessel.	Destination.
Nov. 1	British steamship Columbia.....	Tacoma via Victoria.
Nov. 3	British steamship Ettrickdale.....	Portland, Oreg.
Nov. 8	American sailing vessel I. F. Chapman.....	New York via Manila.
Nov. 10	Hawaiian steamship Aztec.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Do.....	British steamship Gaelic.....	Do.
Nov. 12	British steamship Hyson.....	Portland, Oreg.
Nov. 18	British steamship Fernfield.....	New York via ports.
Do.....	German sailing vessel Henriette.....	Portland, Oreg.
Nov. 19	Japanese steamship Kagoshima Maru.....	Seattle.
Nov. 20	American sailing vessel James Drummond.....	Unknown via Hongkong.
Do.....	American steamship City of Peking.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Nov. 22	British steamship Tacoma.....	Tacoma via Victoria.
Nov. 27	Japanese steamship Kamakura Maru.....	Seattle via Kobe and Moji.
Nov. 30	British steamship Doric.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Do.....	British steamship Sikh.....	New York via ports.
Dec. 4	British steamship Lombard.....	Portland, Oreg.
Dec. 7	British steamship Teenkal.....	Do.
Dec. 9	Hawaiian steamship China.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Dec. 13	British steamship Victoria.....	Tacoma via Victoria.
Dec. 14	German sailing vessel Beethoven.....	Portland, Oreg.
Dec. 16	British sailing vessel Port Caledonia.....	Do.
Dec. 17	British steamship Pak Ling.....	Do.
Dec. 18	British steamship Belgic.....	San Francisco.
Do.....	Japanese steamship Matsuyama Maru.....	Seattle.
Dec. 21	American sailing vessel W. H. Smith.....	Delaware Breakwater via Manila.
Dec. 23	American sailing vessel Vigilant.....	New York via Kobe.
Dec. 27	British steamship Olympia.....	Portland, Oreg.
Dec. 29	American steamship Peru.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Jan. 4	Japanese sailing vessel Tenkyo Maru.....	Portland, Oreg.
Jan. 7	British steamship Port Adelaide.....	New York via ports.
Do.....	British steamship Braemar.....	Tacoma via Victoria.
Jan. 8	British steamship Coptic.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Jan. 11	German sailing vessel Emilie.....	Astoria.
Jan. 12	Japanese steamship Riojun Maru.....	Seattle via Honolulu.
Jan. 15	British steamship Mogul.....	Portland via Honolulu.
Jan. 18	American steamship Rio de Janeiro.....	San Francisco.
Jan. 22	British steamship Columbia.....	Tacoma via Victoria.
Jan. 27	British steamship Gaelic.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Leprosy in Japan.*

UNITED STATES CONSULATE-GENERAL,  
Yokohama, January 18, 1898.

SIR: The inclosed clipping is taken from the Japan Times, and furnishes much valuable information concerning the prevalence of leprosy in Japan.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN F. GOWEY, Consul-General.

The Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

*Statistics on leprosy.*

According to the investigations of the sanitary bureau of the home office, the number of lepers in Japan in September last was as follows:

Prefectures.	No.	Place of infection.		Not known.	Prefectures.	No.	Place of infection.		Not known.
		Within the jurisdiction of the prefecture named.	Out of the jurisdiction of the prefecture named.				Within the jurisdiction of the prefecture named.	Out of the jurisdiction of the prefecture named.	
Tokyo.....	374	.....	.....	374	Akita.....	212	190	2	11
Kyoto.....	158	157	1		Fuku.....	44	44	.....	.....
Osaka.....	372	186	186		Ishikawa.....	165	164	1	.....
Kanagawa.....	118	112	3	3	Toyama.....	121	121	.....	.....
Hioo.....	518	514	4	.....	Tottori.....	222	222	2	.....
Nagasaki.....	769	744	25	.....	Shimane.....	313	310	3	.....
Niigata.....	408	204	204	.....	Okayama.....	626	624	2	.....
Saitama.....	369	352	17	.....	Hiroshima.....	572	564	8	.....
Chiba.....	657	652	5	.....	Yamaguchi.....	748	740	8	.....
Ibaraki.....	448	442	6	.....	Wakayama.....	230	199	31	.....
Gumma.....	626	427	199	.....	Tokushima.....	534	521	17	.....
Tochigi.....	351	43	308	.....	Kagawa.....	395	357	38	.....
Nara.....	125	125	.....	.....	Ehime.....	466	462	4	.....
Miye.....	455	455	.....	.....	Kochi.....	413	392	21	.....
Aichi.....	1,019	1,008	11	.....	Fukuoka.....	1,254	1,176	58	.....
Shizuoka.....	529	529	.....	.....	Oita.....	955	855	2	98
Yamanashi.....	300	276	24	.....	Saga.....	527	516	11	.....
Shiga.....	275	273	2	.....	Kumamoto.....	2,473	2,386	87	.....
Gifu.....	691	679	12	.....	Miyazaki.....	897	897	.....	.....
Nagasaki.....	377	377	.....	.....	Kagoshima.....	603	603	.....	.....
Miyagi.....	111	97	14	.....	Okinawa.....	546	546	.....	.....
Fukushima.....	649	637	12	.....	Hokkaido.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iwate.....	561	556	5	.....					
Aomori.....	678	677	1	.....					
Yamagata.....	412	409	3	.....					
					Total.....	23,647	21,824	1,328	495

It is stated that among the Ainu population (17,314) of Hokkaido no leprosy case is reported. The number of lepers among immigrants has not been ascertained as yet, the only information given being that 6 lepers were treated at the Sapporo Hospital since last year. We learn that it is almost universally recognized by the medical authorities that leprosy is a contagious disease, and that the terrible disease is most prevalent where fish is most freely used as an article of food.

## MEXICO.

*Smallpox in Mexico.*

EL PASO, TEX., *February 24, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that smallpox is prevailing in many localities throughout the Republic of Mexico.

Every precaution is taken to prevent the dread disease reaching this border.

The Mexican Central officials have instituted prompt measures, and ordered all trainmen and other employees on their road to be vaccinated. In the interest of public health I request every passenger arriving on the Mexican Central to sign the following declaration:

"I certify on honor that I am successfully vaccinated, and swear, to my best knowledge and belief, that neither I nor my baggage have been in any city, place, or tent infected by smallpox within a period of twenty days."